

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

April 26, 2010

City of Chula Vista, Council Chambers
276 Fourth Avenue

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Chair Stillman at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Stillman, Vice Chair Gilgun, Commissioners Cory, Rahimzadeh, and Ulloa

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Turbide

STAFF PRESENT: Conservation & Environmental Services Director Meacham, Environmental Resource Manager Reed, Principal Planner Pongeggi, Associate Planner Tessitore-Lopez, Sr. Secretary Fields

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrew Hoskinson, Area Manager for eTec

MOTION TO EXCUSE: Motion passed unanimously to excuse Commissioner Ulloa from the March 22, 2010 meeting, and Commissioner Turbide from tonight's April 26, 2010 meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 22, 2010 minutes were approved.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Chula Vista resident Robert Ross stated that it was his understanding regarding the PACE program, that the money could be used for water projects. He asked Director Meacham what that included and what the money could be used for in terms water conservation projects. Director Meacham responded that this and other programs facilitate the financing of water-efficiency improvements such as irrigation systems, which included landscaping projects.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Associate Planner Tessitore-Lopez invited the board to participate in a roundtable City Council workshop session on June 3rd on the City's Historic Preservation Program. She also mentioned that the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee would be re-convening on May 6th and May 20th for two workshops, as well as for two public workshops on May 26th and May 27th.

DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMENTS

(This portion of Director's Comments was presented out of order.)

eTec Electric Plug-in Vehicle Project

Director Meacham introduced Andy Hoskinson, Area Manager from eTec, who discussed possible applications of the eTec electric plug-in vehicle project and responded to questions and comments from the board.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory Update

Environmental Resource Manager Reed gave an update on the status of the 2009 Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory. He stated that the inventory has two components: the Municipal or government operations side—emissions from our City buildings, fleet, streetlights, etc., and the community-wide component—emissions from our businesses and residences. He then discussed the timeline of where they are in the process.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. California Proposition 16

Director Meacham gave a summary of the proposition and the board discussed the issue at length.

Chair Stillman stated that she would like to have someone speak to the Commission with more information about the issue. Commissioner Rahimzadeh agreed. Chair Stillman added that she would like the RCC to take a stand on the issue.

Vice Chair Gilgun stated that she felt it was important for the RCC to take a stand on this issue because of all the misinformation and fear about it, and because it is a way of protecting our city and helping us reach our goals.

Commissioner Ulloa stated that he felt the RCC should oppose the proposition because it is tying the hands of the cities too much.

Commissioner Cory stated that she was disturbed by the inaccurate ads she had seen, and that she was ready to make a recommendation to Council to oppose.

Commissioner Rahimzadeh voiced concern about how this state issue relates to the Council and how Council would see the RCC's perspective on it.

ACTION: Commissioner Gilgun made a motion that the Resource Conservation Commission provide the City Council with a recommendation to oppose California Proposition 16. Commissioner Cory seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Backup Generation Options

Director Meacham gave a brief summary on the issue regarding one telecom company that is requesting backup generators for their cell phone towers. After much discussion by the group, it was determined that no formal motion would be taken on this item at this time.

3. Formation of a working Group on Alternative Transportation Initiative Options

No action was taken. The item will be brought back at a later date.

DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMENTS

(Director's Comments, continued.)

Director Meacham mentioned the resignation of board member Derek Turbide, and the board briefly discussed possible applicants for the vacancy.

CHAIR COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Gilgun updated the board on the Climate Change Working Group. She stated that the Working Group was moving forward, that there had been good attendance, and that the group was still in the information-gathering stage about various areas of climate change. She added that they had had excellent speakers and that the meetings had been held at different city facilities, which had given the group an opportunity to obtain information from the various sites and their staffs.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m. to a regular meeting on Monday, May 10, 2010, at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

Prepared by:


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